Traditional Tribal Constitution and Bylaws of the Village of Ouzinkie, Alaska

Preamble

We, a group of Native residents of Ouzinkie, Alaska having a common bond of residence, in order to promote our welfare through the development of governmental and economic enterprises as they relate to the Public Law 93-638 and other Indian programs, do establish this Constitution and Bylaws.

Article 1 - Name

The name of this organization shall be the Village of Ouzinkie.

Article II - Definition of Territory

The boundaries of the Village of Ouzinkie are:

Beginning at a point shown on U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey Chart No. 8534 of Marmot Bay and Kupreanof Strait at approximately 152 degrees 31' 10" W.Longitude 57 degrees 55' N.Latitude and designated as Uzinki Point; thence in a Northeasterly direction along the Northwesterly shoreline of Spruce Island 1-1/2 miles more or less to a point approximately 152 degrees 30' 05" W.Longitude 57 degrees 56' 30" W.Latitude; thence Easterly in a straight line approximately 1-1/2 miles to a Northwesterly shoreline of a cove known and designated as Balika Basin and Cove; thence following the meander line of the South shore of Balika Basin and Cove in an easterly direction approximately 1 mile more or less to a point at about 152 degrees 25' 30" W.Longitude 57 degrees 55' 30" N. Latitude; thence in a Southwesterly direction 1-5/8 miles more or less to a point on the Southwesterly shore line of Spruce Island at approximately 152 degrees 26' 10" W. Longitude 57 degrees 54' N. Latitude; thence Northwesterly in a straight line approximately 2-3/4 miles to the point of beginning.

Article III - Membership

Section 1 - All Native persons whose names shall appear on the membership roll and being residents within the geographical coverage of this Village of Ouzinkie for at least 60 continuous days shall be members of the organization.

Section 2 - a. New Members. All children of any member, who are residents of Ouzinkie shall be members of this organization. b. Any Native person who becomes a resident of Ouzinkie may be adopted as a member of the organization by the council by a majority vote in its regular called meeting.

Section 3 - Definition of Adult - Any person who is 18 years of age or older will be considered an adult.

Article IV - The Council

Section 1 - There shall be a Council composed of a president and six members elected by the adult members of the Village of Ouzinkie.

Section 2 - The Council shall represent the Village of Ouzinkie in all its undertakings with federal agencies responsible for adminstering programs that involve grants to federally recognized Indian tribal governments and shall exercise the powers of the Village of Ouzinkie enumerated in this constitution.

Section 3 - Each member of the Council shall serve for a three year term, except that of the members first elected, three shall serve for a term one year and two shall serve for a term of two years and two shall serve for a term of three years.

Article V - Powers of the Council

Section 1 - To do all things under P.L. 93-638 and other Indian programs for the common good of its members.

Section 2 - To deal with the Federal Government and its agencies on behalf of the Village of Ouzinkie to deal with any person, firm, corporation or municipality on behalf of the Village of Ouzinkie.

Section 3 - To provide for filling vacancies in office consistent with this Constitution.

Section 4 - The Council may have and use such other powers as may be given to it by the Federal or State Government.

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Article VI - Change of Officers

Section 1 - Any Officer of the Council or Official of the Village of Ouzinkie who is convicted of a felony or any other offense involving dishonesty or moral turpitude shall forfeit his/her office.

Section 2 - If the Office of the Council member is vacant for any reason, the Council may appoint a successor to serve until the next regular election of the Village of Ouzinkie at which time a member shall be elected to fill the unexpired term.

Article VII - Amendments

Amendments to this Constitution and Bylaws may be proposed by a resolution of the Council. Amendments shall become effective when ratified by a majority vote of adult members, provided that at least 25% of those entitled to vote shall vote in such election.

Article VIII - Dissolution

The Constitution and Bylaws shall continue in existence until dissolved by a majority vote of the adult members of this organization, provided that at least 25% of those entitled to vote shall vote in such election.

Bylaws of the Village of Ouzinkie

Article 1 - Duties of Officers

Section 1 - The President - The President of the Council shall preside over all meetings of the Council and of the organization, exercising the usual duties of a chairman and any others delegated to him. He may vote in Council meetings only in case of a tie. The President is charged with general responsibilities for the administration of the organization and resolutions.

Section 2 - The Vice-President - The duties of the Vice-President, in the absence of the President, will be the same as those of a President.

Section 3 - The Secretary/Treasurer - The Secretary/Treasurer shall act as a chairman in the event the President or the Vice-President is absent from the Village. He or she shall conduct all correspondence and keep a complete and accurate record of all business transactions of the organization or of the Council. He or she shall record all rules and regulations in appropriate books for the information and guidance of the Village members. He or she shall accept, receive, receipt for, preserve and safeguard all funds for which the Council is responsible. He or she shall make a faithful record of such funds and shall report to the Council all receipts and expenditures and the amount and nature of all funds in his possession or custody. He or she shall not pay out or authorize disbursement of any funds for which he or she is responsible except upon authorization of the Council. The Secretary/Treasurer may be required at the request of the Council to give bond satisfactory to the Council.

Section 4 - Appointive Officers - The duties of all appointive officers, agents or committees appointed by the Council shall be clearly defined by a resolution of the Council at the time of appointment. No appointive officer shall serve for a term longer than the elective officers.

Section 5 - The Records - All accounts, records, books and minutes of the Village of Ouzinkie or Council meetings shall be subject to examination by members of the Village or Council, or the agents of the Federal or State Government having authorized business with the Village of Ouzinkie.

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Section 3. - Declaration of Candidacy - Time for filing. A declaration of candidacy shall be filed with the Tribal Clerk not earlier than 30 days nor later than 7 days before election.

Article X - Standing Committees

Section 1 - Each Committee shall constitute of one Chairperson and four members. The Chairperson of the committee being elected by the committee members.

Section 2 - The committee shall be appointed at the Annual Tribal membership by a vote of the members.

Section 3 - The terms of the committee shall be : One shall serve for a term of one year . Two shall serve for a term of two years. Two shall serve for a term of three years. Each committee shall serve for a term of three years thereafter.

Certification of Adoption

We the undersigned members of the Village of Ouzinkie, having been chosen to be the election judges by the majority of the members, certify that we were present at an election called for the purpose of adopting this Constitution and Bylaws on June 1st, 1978; that the foregoing was duly adopted at such election by a vote of 27 for, and 0 against, where at least 30% of those entitled to vote cast their ballots.

Dorothy Morrison
Chairman, Election Board

Lilly Pestrikoff
Chairman, Election Member